

CLAIMS:

1. A contact for establishing electrical connection with an electrically conductive wire, the contact being manufactured from a planar material and having a base and a pair of elongate blades extending from the base and defining therebetween a channel within which a wire is to be received, a first blade of the pair being flat and a second blade of the pair being shaped, a flat contact surface of one blade being opposite a cutting edge of the other blade and lying on opposite sides of the channel, the flat contact surface maintaining the wire substantially parallel to the flat contact surface through the channel and the cutting edge of the other blade pointing towards the flat contact surface.
2. A contact according to Claim 1, wherein the second blade is shaped so as to present the flat contact surface to the cutting edge of the other blade.
3. A contact according to Claim 2, wherein the shaped blade prescribes an arc about an axis parallel to the longitudinal axis of the shaped blade.
4. A contact according to any preceding claim, wherein the blades each have two major surfaces and two minor surfaces and the flat contact surface comprises a minor surface of one blade proximate the other blade.
5. A contact according to any one of Claims 1 to 3, wherein the blades each have two major surfaces and two minor surfaces and the flat contact surface comprises a portion of a major surface of one blade proximate the other blade.

6. A contact according to any preceding claim, wherein the blades each have two major surfaces and two minor surfaces and the cutting edge comprises a corner of a major surface with a minor surface of the other blade proximate the one blade.
7. A contact according to Claim 5, wherein the flat contact surface lies in a first plane and the planes of the two surfaces defining the cutting edge lie in a second and a third plane respectively, the second and third planes being respectively between 30° and 60° to the first plane.
8. A contact according to Claim 7, wherein the second and third planes are in the region of 45° to the first plane.
9. A contact for establishing electrical connection with an electrically conductive wire, the contact being manufactured from a planar material and having a base and a pair of elongate blades extending from the base and defining therebetween a channel within which a wire is to be received, a first blade of the pair being flat and a second blade of the pair being shaped, a flat contact surface of one blade and a cutting edge of the other blade lying on opposite sides of the channel, wherein a line drawn parallel to the flat contact surface and passing through the point defined by the end of the cutting edge is not parallel to either of the surfaces defining the cutting edge.
10. An insulation displacement connector including a contact according to any preceding claim.
11. A contact substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to and as shown in the accompanying drawings.